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For: **METHOD FOR TREATING PULMONARY DISEASE STATES IN
MAMMALS BY ALTERING INDIGENOUS *IN VIVO* LEVELS OF NITRIC
OXIDE**

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**Preliminary Amendment And Response
Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115**

Sir:


This Preliminary Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is being filed concurrently herewith in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Preliminary Amendment and Response and pass the above-identified application to issue.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed herewith are being deposited, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8, with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 31st of December, 2003.

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